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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 9521

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI HIJACKING OF LEBANESE AIRLINER

REF: BEIRUT 9520

1. LEBANESE AIRLINER HIJACKED TO ISRAEL EVENING AUGUST
10 WAS PERMITTED TO RETURN TO BEIRUT DURING THE NIGHT
WITH ALL PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

2. ALL LOCAL PAPERS HEADLINE INCIDENT LABELING IT ONE
OF MOST BRAZEN TERRORIST ACTS OF AERIAL PIRACY.

3. SOME PAPERS ALLEGE PFLP HABASH AND COLLEAGUES HAD
BEEN SCHEDULED TO TAKE THIS FLIGHT AND ONLY DELAY IN
DEPARTURE CAUSED HIM TO CANCEL HIS PLANS. THEIR
ASSUMPTION IS ISRAELIS TRYING TO CAPTURE HIM OR FELLOW
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FEDAYEEN LEADERS.

4. TEL AVIV'S DAO TELEGRAM 1191, JUST RECEIVED, APPEARS CONFIRM THIS WAS IN FACT ISRAELI OBJECTIVE. PRESUMABLY SEIZURE OF AIRLINER IS EXTENSION OF RIGHT WHICH ISRAELIS HAVE ARROGATED TO THEMSELVES TO APPREHEND OR ELIMINATE TERRORISTS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD BY ANY MEANS.

5. GIVEN OUR LONG-STANDING INSISTENCE ON THE SANCTITY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN AIR TRAFFIC TRAVEL, OUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO HIJACKINGS, AND IMMINENT MEETING OF ICAO IN ROME, I RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER PRESS STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY CONDEMNING THIS UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH CIVILIAN AIRLINER.
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